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APPLICANTS: Bradley *et al.*
SERIAL NUMBER: 09/839,658 EXAMINER: Teresa E. Strzelecka
FILING DATE: April 19, 2001 ART UNIT: 1637
FOR: NOVEL COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR ARRAY-BASED NUCLEIC ACID
HYBRIDIZATION

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed October 18, 2005 in the above-identified application. With the extension, a response is due June 2, 2005. Enclosed is Check No. 22351 in the amount of \$510.00 to cover the cost of the extension due by Applicants.

Although Applicant believes no additional fees are due with this filing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No. 27476-504). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed

Respectfully submitted,

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